

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

REPLY TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, WITH AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment and remarks contained herein in response to the Office Action mailed January 18, 2008. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment and remarks contained herein place the instant application in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which

begins on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.